**CONSTIUTION**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be The Hindi Club at The Ohio State University.

**ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE and PURPOSE**

To promote and encourage the proficiency and enjoyment of the Hindi Language among the Ohio State University student body and other interested parties, also, to offer a better understanding of the Hindi culture through social and informal activities.

Nondiscrimination policy statement:

“The Ohio State University is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity and to improve opportunities for all. The university is committed to equal opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law. Ohio State does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.”

University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy:

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Hindi. Club at The Ohio State University expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at http://titleIX.osu.edu or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERS**

1. All persons holding membership in the Hindi Club as of the date of adoption of this constitution and all persons meeting the qualifications for membership as established in the By-laws.
2. The right of the members are to:

**1.** Attend all meetings of the organization to be held in the manner provided in the By-laws;

**2.** Vote on all matters submitted to a vote of the membership as provided in the By-laws;

**3.** Vote for the organization’s officers and representatives as provided in the By-laws;

**4.** Hold office in the organization as provided in the By-laws;

**5.** Obtain a copy of the constitution of and list of rules governing the organization.

**ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A.** The policy-making body of the organization shall consist of a President, and or two (2) Co-Presidents, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Faculty Advisor at the Ohio State University. Other official positions and/or special committees shall be created as provided in the By-laws, as deemed necessary, in order to govern and carry out the official business of the organization.

**1.** The duties of the President or Co-Presidents and Vice-President shall be to:

**a.** coordinate club activities and affairs;

**b.** preside over meetings**;**

**c.** act as, or appoint to be, a delegate to represent the club at other functions;

**d.** arrange club activities;

**e.** publicize club events to the members and general public.

**2.** The Secretary shall be in charge of:

**a.** taking minutes at committee meetings;

**b.** maintaining membership records;

**c.** aiding the President or Co-presidents and Vice President in publicizing events among the members and general public.

**3.** The Treasurer shall be in charge of:

**a.** overseeing fund-raisers;

**b.** maintaining financial records.

**4.** The Faculty Advisor shall be in charge of:

**a.** advising the club in actions reflecting the department;

**b.** assist the club with matters exceeding the responsibility and/or power of its student officers.

**ARTICLE V – METHODS FOR REMOVING MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

1. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization’s constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the officers in consultation with the organization’s advisor.
2. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization’s advisor.
3. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), the executive board, in consultation with the organization’s advisor, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

**ARTICLE VI: BY-LAWS**

The Executive Committee, by majority vote, in a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, shall have the power to adopt and amend, as may be deemed necessary, By-laws for the proper government of the organization.

**ARTICLE VII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in Roberts’ Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable unless they are inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws and special rules of this organization.

**ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

**A.** A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least fifteen (15) days prior to its proposed adoption.

**B.** The membership shall be notified of the proposed amendment and a copy of the text shall be made available to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the consideration.

**C.** Unless otherwise provided, all amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

**Date Constitution Adopted: \_\_\_11/1/23­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_**

**Anushka Mukherjee \_\_\_\_Atreyee Atarthi\_\_\_**

**President Vice President**

**Siddhi Shah**

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**Advisor**

**BY-LAWS**

**SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP**

**A.** Membership shall be open to any student enrolled in the Ohio State University interested in increasing their knowledge of the Hindi language and culture. A previous knowledge of Hindi is not required.

**B.** No one shall be denied membership in this organization because of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, disability age, or handicap.

**C.** Membership privileges may be revoked at the discretion of Executive Committee by a majority vote of Executive Committee members.

**SECTION II: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

**A.** In addition to the rights outlined in ARTICLE 111, Section B of the Constitution the members shall be eligible to:

**1.** Make use of all publications owned by the organization as regulated by the rules for use of said publications.

**B.** In addition to being subject to city, county, state and federal laws, all members of the organization are subject to the provisions of the Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct.

**C.** Those members who have the ability to do so should speak Hindi as much as possible.

**SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

The membership year shall be September 1 through august 31.

**SECTION IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**A.** Any member of the Hindi Club may be elected to the Executive Committee provided they are eligible for a leadership office as defined by the Student Organization and Activities Board.

These requirements are that the member is:

**1.** An enrolled half-time or full-time Ohio State University student as defined by the student’s college or school;

**2.** Not on disciplinary probation as defined in the Code of Student Conduct, Rule 3335-29-03;

**3.** In good academic standing.

**B.** Elections are to be performed in the following manner:

**1.** All members shall be notified of the election.

**2.** Up to three candidates for each office shall be nominated for the ballot, depending upon if they meet the following conditions:

**a.** Attend at least three Hindi Club organized events per year and show dedication as deemed sufficient by the current Executive Board.

**b.** Incumbent officers need not be nominated and are automatic candidates.

**3.** One candidate shall be elected to each office by the majority of secret ballot of the membership present and that of absentee ballot.

**C.** In case of vacancy in the office of President or Co-President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the organization from among its members in an election by secret ballot and majority vote. In case of vacancy in the office of Faculty Advisor, the previous Advisor will appoint the new Faculty Advisor. When in the case that the previous Faculty Advisor is not capable of appointing a new Advisor, it shall be the Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at the Ohio State Universities responsibility to appoint a Faculty Member to such position.

**D.** The term of office shall be one (1) year beginning with the membership year.

**E.** Executive Committee positions may be revoked at any time by majority vote of Executive Committee members.

**SECTION VI: SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

As deemed necessary, the Executive Committee may appoint organization members as Chairman of and members to special committees. The purpose of these committees shall be to advise and aid the Executive Committee with special projects. These committees shall remain in effect as long as the Executive Committee deems necessary.

**SECTION VII: LIBRARY**

* The magazine, newspapers, and other printed materials (hereafter know as “publications”) for which the organization has a subscription to or receives otherwise are central in the purpose of the organization as they: keep the membership informed of current developments, politically and culturally, in India or in areas which relate to the Hindi Culture; and also, if printed in Hindi, aid in the language aspects of the organization. As such these publications shall be made available to the membership and public in the following manner:

**1.** All current publications, i.e.. Those not more than one (1) month old, shall be available to the membership only;

**2.** Older publications shall be made available to the entire Ohio State Academic Community;

**3.** The specifics on how to achieve these goals shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee.

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